§ 26.305

barge, cargo container, tank car, tank truck, or similar bulk conveyance, all openings affording access to the spirits shall be sealed by the customs officer with customs seals in such manner as will prevent unauthorized removal of spirits through such openings without detection.

§26.305 Receipt by consignee.

Proprietors of distilled spirits plants who receive Virgin Islands spirits under this subpart shall follow the requirements in 27 CFR part 19 for spirits received by transfer in bond. However, proprietors are not required to file application on ATF Form 5100.16 to receive Virgin Islands spirits from customs custody.

[T.D. ATF-198, 50 FR 8555, Mar. 1, 1985]

Subpart Ob—Claims for Drawback on Eligible Articles From the Virgin Islands

Source: T.D. ATF-263, 52 FR 46595, Dec. 9, 1987, unless otherwise noted.

§ 26.306 Drawback of tax.

Any person who brings eligible articles into the United States from the Virgin Islands may claim drawback of the distilled spirits excise taxes paid on such articles as provided in this subpart.

§ 26.307 Special tax.

Any person filing claim for drawback of tax on eligible articles brought into the United States from the Virgin Islands shall pay special tax as required by 26 U.S.C. 5131. For purposes of special tax, subparts C and D of part 17 of this chapter shall apply as if the use and tax determination occurred in the United States at the time the article was brought into the United States, and each business location from which entry of eligible articles is caused or effected shall be treated as a place of manufacture. If special tax is paid for any such business location under part 17 of this chapter, as a place where nonbeverage products are manufactured for purposes of drawback, then

no additional special tax need be paid for that location under this section.

[T.D. ATF-263, 52 FR 46595, Dec. 9, 1987, as amended by T.D. ATF-271, 53 FR 17559, May 17, 1988; T.D. ATF-379, 61 FR 31427, June 20, 1996]

§ 26.308 Bonds.

- (a) General. Persons bringing eligible articles into the United States from the Virgin Islands and intending to file monthly claims for drawback under the provisions of this subpart shall obtain a bond on Form 5154.3. When the limit of liability under a bond given in less than the maximum amount has been reached, further drawback on monthly claims may be suspended until a strengthening or superseding bond in a sufficient amount has been furnished. For provisions relating to bonding requirements, subpart E of part 17 of this chapter is incorporated in this part.
- (b) Approval required. No person bringing eligible articles into the United States from the Virgin Islands may file monthly claims for drawback under the provisions of this subpart until a bond on ATF Form 5154.3 has been approved.

[T.D. ATF-379, 61 FR 31427, June 20, 1996, as amended by T.D. ATF-451, 66 FR 21670, May 1, 2001]

§26.309 Claims for drawback.

- (a) General. Persons bringing eligible articles into the United States from the Virgin Islands must file claim for drawback on ATF Form 2635 (5620.8). Upon finding that the claimant has satisfied the requirements of this subpart, the appropriate ATF officer must allow the drawback of taxes at a rate of \$1 less than the lesser of \$10.50 a proof gallon or the rate specified in 26 U.S.C. 5001(a).
- (b) *Information on claims*. The claim must set forth the following:
- (1) That the special tax has been paid;
- (2) That the eligible articles brought into the United States on which drawback is claimed are fully taxpaid or tax-determined:
- (3) That the eligible articles on which drawback is claimed are nonbeverage products; and
- (4) That the eligible articles were manufactured in the Virgin Islands in